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June 29, 2017

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 Twelfth Street S.W.
Room 5-A225
Washington, D.C. 20554

Via ECFS

**RE: FCC FORM 481 – CARRIER ANNUAL REPORTING DATA COLLECTION
CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE
ORDER BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FILED
IN DOCKET 14-58) AND CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION FILED
PURSUANT TO SECTIONS .457 AND .459 OF THE FEDERAL
COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION RULES**

Dear Ms. Dortch,

Mud Lake Telephone Cooperative Association (Mud Lake) hereby submits the attached redacted and confidential versions of its “FCC Form 481 – Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection” financial information pursuant to sections §54.313 and §54.422 of the Commission’s rules, as filed with the Universal Service Administrative Company.

Section 3005 of Form 481 requires the filing of financial information per 47 C.F.R. §54.313(f)(2). Mud Lake maintains that this information is “Confidential Financial Information” on the grounds that it is competitively sensitive information which could be used to disadvantage or harm XXX, and is submitting this information pursuant to Protective Order, DA 12-1857 as described below.

First, Mud Lake is submitting the 54.313(f)(2) “Confidential Financial Information” as a “Stamped Confidential Document” with each page bearing the legend CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION and also submitting the .457 and .459 “Confidential Financial Information” as a “Stamped Confidential Document” with each page labeled “CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION. One copy of the “Stamped Confidential Document(s)” and accompanying cover letter are enclosed.

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Second, Mud Lake is submitting the “Stamped Confidential Document(s)” as a “Redacted Confidential Document” where the “Confidential Financial Information” has been redacted. One copy of the “Redacted Confidential Document(s)” and accompanying cover letter with each page labeled “REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION” are being filed through the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (“ECFS”).

FCC Form 481 will also be filed with the State Commission.

If you have any questions, please contact me at jushio@gvnw.com or 719-594-5814.

Sincerely,

/s/ Judi Ushio

Judi Ushio
Midwest Division Manager

Encl.

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
Data Collection Form**FCC Form 481
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July 2013

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<030> Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data	Judi Ushio
<035> Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	7195945814 ext.
<039> Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	jushio@gvnw.com
Form Type	54.313 and 54.422

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<210> For the prior calendar year, were there any reportable voice service outages? No

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**(300) Unfulfilled Service Request
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<300> Unfulfilled service request (voice)	<div>0</div>
<310> Detail on attempts (voice)	<div>Name of Attached Document</div>
<320> Unfulfilled service request (broadband)	<div>0</div>
<330> Detail on attempts (broadband)	<div>Name of Attached Document</div>

(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers
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<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	Offered only fixed voice
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice	0.0
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice	
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	Offered only fixed broadband
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband	0.0
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband	

**[500] Compliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules
Data Collection Form**

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<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules	Yes
<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	
<515>	Certify compliance with applicable minimum service standards	

(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations
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<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	472227id610.pdf

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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2017
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	18.0

-- See attached worksheet

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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Mud Lake Telephone Cooperative Association
<811>	Holding Company	Not Applicable
<812>	Operating Company	Mud Lake Telephone Cooperative Association

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(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
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<900> Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N)

No

<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable

(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability
 Data Collection Form

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<1000>	Voice services rate comparability certification	Yes
<1010>	Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance	472227id1010.pdf <hr/> Name of Attached Document
<1020>	Broadband comparability certification	Yes - Pricing is no more than the most recent applicable benchmark announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau
<1030>	Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance	472227id1030.pdf <hr/> Name of Attached Document

(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<1100>	Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)	<div>Yes</div>
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<1130>	Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).	<div></div>
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(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers
Lifeline
Data Collection Form

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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

472227id1210.pdf

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, ☒
- <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, ☒
- <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. ☒

(2005) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation	FCC Form 481
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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

<p><2011> 3rd Year Certification 47 CFR §54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 2017 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support.</p> <p><2022> Recipient certifies, representing year three after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.</p> <p><2023> The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.</p> <p><2024A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?</p> <p><2024B> Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.</p> <p><2025A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?</p> <p><2025B> Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 2 for year three) - Connect America Fund , WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-73, paragraph 35 (May 22, 2013).</p> <p><2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin: 5px auto;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin: 5px auto;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin: 5px auto;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin: 5px auto;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin: 5px auto;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin: 5px auto;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin: 5px auto;"></div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 40px; margin: 5px auto;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 40px; margin: 5px auto;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 40px; margin: 5px auto;"></div>
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(2005) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation

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Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

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Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

<2016> Certification support used to build broadband

Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

<2017A> Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

<2017C> Total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2016.

<2018> Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(A)

Name of Attached Document Listing
Required Information

<2019> Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(C)

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Select from the drop down menu or check the boxes below to note compliance with 54.313(f)(1). Privately held carriers must ensure compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3009)	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)	Yes - Attach Certification	
(3010A)	Certification of Public Interest Obligations {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}	472227id3010.pdf	
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}	No - No New Community Anchors	
(3012B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}	(Yes/No)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No)	<input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:			
(3015)	Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3016)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?	(Yes/No)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:			
(3019)	Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3021)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:			
(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3025)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	472227id3026.pdf

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)	FCC Form 481
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Financial Data Summary

- (3027) Revenue
- (3028) Operating Expenses
- (3029) Net Income
- (3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)
- (3031) Total Assets
- (3032) Total Debt
- (3033) Total Equity
- (3034) Dividends

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

4004b. Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: MUD LAKE TEL COOP	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date 06/28/2017
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Justin Petersen	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: CEO	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 2083745401 ext.	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 472227	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/03/2017
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

**Certification - Agent / Carrier
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent: _____	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Signature of Authorized Officer: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Officer: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: _____	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: _____	Filing Due Date for this form: _____
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Name of Authorized Agent Firm: _____	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	Date: _____
Name of Authorized Agent Employee: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: _____	Filing Due Date for this form: _____
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

Attachments

FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

<010>	Study Area Code	472227
<015>	Study Area Name	MUD LAKE TEL COOP
<020>	Program Year	2018
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Judi Ushio
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	7195945814 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	jushio@gvnmv.com

<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2017
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	18.0

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(710) Broadband Price Offerings Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance:

Consumer Protection

Voice and Broadband

Mud Lake complies with the requirements of 47CFR Part 64 Subpart U, Customer Proprietary Network Information and the Federal Trade Commission Red Flag Rules to prevent identity theft. A manual for each of those programs is in place and is part of the employees' handbook. Employee training is conducted annually and new hires are instructed on the programs as required by their job functions.

Service Quality Standards

Voice

Mud Lake complies with the service standards as required by the state regulatory commission. Mud Lake is committed to providing the highest quality service to its customers.

Broadband

Mud Lake complies with the service standards as established by state regulatory commission. Mud Lake follows the service standards noted in NECA Tariff #5 and is committed to provide the highest quality service to its broadband customers.

Description of Functionality In Emergency Situations

Back-up Power for Both Voice and Broadband Services

Mud Lake Telephone prides itself on updating and maintaining all its plant and equipment to prevent outages before they happen. If outages do happen, the Company has 24-hour on call staff and alarm reporting systems in place that send notifications to the 24 hour personnel monitoring these systems. The Company certifies that it follows best practices that are designed to allow them to remain functional in an emergency situation through the use of back-up power to ensure functionality in the event of a limited commercial power failure.

Mud Lake utilizes battery back-up systems and standby generators in its central offices. This enables Mud Lake to maintain power during an outage of at least 4 to 8 hours with battery back-up, and for 48 hours utilizing stored fuel. Mud Lake also uses its portable gas powered generator to support the remote cabinets in the network in the event of an extended power outage.

The Company performs exercises to test disaster preparedness on each site's back-up power systems which are tested weekly. Major transport facilities are also tested periodically to ensure failover reliability.

Ability to reroute traffic/data around damaged facilities

Mud Lake Telephone has a folded ring architecture, so it has some redundancy in rerouting exchange traffic between its five exchanges in case of damaged CWF facilities. The five year improvement plan incorporates additional fiber improvements that will make this a full fiber ring architecture/network with complete redundancy in between its exchanges.

The Company is also a partner of the Idaho Syringa Network, which provides a fiber ring throughout southern Idaho and Mud Lake's study area. Being on the Syringa ring network provides the Company the capability of re-routing interexchange traffic and providing continuous service in emergency situations due to damaged facilities.

Capability to manage traffic/data spikes resulting from emergency situations

Mud Lake's trunk routes are monitored by Central Office equipment for usage utilization and management. Mud Lake Telephone takes no responsibility for the capabilities of interconnected networks to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations, but will continue its best efforts for its networks during such events.

Mud Lake Telephone Cooperative Association Voice Services Rate Comparability

As evidenced by the data provided in line 700 of this Form 481, Mud Lake's voice service pricing is no more than 2 standard deviations above the national average urban rate (\$49.51) as announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau on February 14, 2017 (DA 17-167)

Mud Lake Telephone Cooperative Association Broadband Services Rate Comparability

Mud Lake's Telephone Company's Broadband Services pricing meets the FCC's broadband public interest obligations because it offers broadband service as shown on Line 710 of its Form 481 filing, at actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream / 1 Mbps upstream at no more than the applicable benchmark for broadband services announced by the Bureau on February 14, 2017 (DA17-167).

Mud Lake Telephone Cooperative Association Lifeline Assistance Program

The Lifeline Telephone Assistance Program provides for a discount of the recurring monthly rate for the provision of local residential service for certain low-income customers, which service provides an unlimited number of local calling minutes.

The Lifeline Telephone Assistance Program discount is only available to low-income customers who meet eligibility requirements established by the Federal Communications Commission. Lifeline subscribers receive the same residential service as a regular subscriber, but at a reduced monthly recurring rate. Thus lifeline subscribers have an unlimited number of local calling minutes.

The Federal Communications Commission national eligibility criteria include subscribers with a household income of 135 percent of the federal poverty level or participation in one of the following programs: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Medicaid, Temporary Aid to Needy Families, Supplemental Security Income, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, National Free Lunch or Federal Public Housing Assistance.

Eligible Lifeline customers will receive a monthly discount of \$9.25 through the Federal Communications Commission's Lifeline Program and a \$2.50 monthly discount through the Idaho Telephone Service Assistance Program on the regular Company rates for residential service. Only one telephone number per household is eligible for a Lifeline discount.

A Lifeline customer may not be disconnected from local service solely for non-payment of toll charges, but the Lifeline customer must continue to pay the local service rates and charges.

As for toll, lifeline subscribers, similar to every Mud Lake Telephone subscriber, are free to choose their own toll usage plans through IXC's that serve Mud Lake. Toll blocking is available at no charge to qualifying Lifeline customers. If a qualifying Lifeline customer voluntarily elects toll blocking service from the Company, where that service is available, the customer will not be required to pay a deposit, if otherwise applicable, to initiate service.

TO APPLY: Potential Lifeline customers must contact a Community Action Partnership office or an Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Regional Office to determine their eligibility to participate in the program.

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June 1, 2017

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
9300 East Hampton Drive
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

Re: WC Docket No. 14-58, 2015 Annual Report, Form 481 for High-Cost Recipient
54.313(f)(1) "Public Interest Obligation"

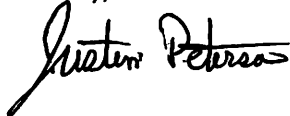
Dear Ms. Dortch:

In compliance with the filing requirements associated with, and attached to Form 481, we wish to advise the Commission that Mud Lake Telephone Cooperative Association provides High Speed Internet service to its customers and:

- Has taken reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of 10 Mbps downstream / 1 Mbps upstream;
- Provides latency suitable for real-time applications including VoIP and usage capacity which is reasonably comparable to those in urban areas and;
- That reasonable requests for service are met within a reasonable timeframe.

If there are questions, I may be contacted at 208.374.5401

Sincerely,



Officer of Company



Mud Lake Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc. and Subsidiary

Consolidated Financial Statements Together with Independent Auditors' Report

December 31, 2016

MUD LAKE TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors
Mud Lake Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc. and Subsidiary
Dubois, Idaho

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Mud Lake Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc. and Subsidiary, which comprise the balance sheet as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related statements of operations, comprehensive income, members' equity and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Mud Lake Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc. and Subsidiary as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Olsen Thielen & Co., Ltd.

Roseville, Minnesota
June 21, 2017

MUD LAKE TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

ASSETS		2016	2015
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Cash			
Certificates of Deposit			
Investment Securities			
Due from Customers, Less Allowance of \$7,449			
Other Accounts Receivable			
Income Taxes Receivable			
Materials and Supplies			
Propane Inventory			
Prepaid Expenses			
Total Current Assets			
INVESTMENTS AND OTHER ASSETS:			
Certificates of Deposit			
Investment Securities			
Other Investments			
Note Receivable			
Deferred Charges			
Total Investments and Other Assets			
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT:			
In Service			
Plant Under Construction			
Total Property, Plant and Equipment			
Less Accumulated Depreciation			
Net Property, Plant and Equipment			
TOTAL ASSETS			
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY			
CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Accounts Payable			
Other Accrued Liabilities			
Advance Billings and Payments			
Total Current Liabilities			
MEMBERS' EQUITY:			
Patronage Capital			
Other Equity (Deficit)			
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income			
Total Members' Equity			
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY			

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

MUD LAKE TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

	2016	2015
OPERATING REVENUES:		
Local Network		
Network Access		
Internet Services		
Lease Revenue		
Other Services		
Miscellaneous		
Uncollectibles, Net		
Propane Sales,		
Less Cost of Sales		
Total Net Propane Sales		
Total Operating Revenues		
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Plant, Maintenance and Access		
Depreciation		
Customer		
Corporate		
Other Taxes		
Other Operating - Propane		
Total Operating Expenses		
OPERATING MARGINS		
OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSES:		
Interest, Dividends and Securities Sales		
Income (Loss) on Investment and Deferred Charges		
Equity in Investment Earnings		
Scholarship Contributions		
Income Tax Expense		
Net Other Income and Expenses		
NET MARGINS		

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MUD LAKE TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
NET MARGINS		
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE LOSS:		
Unrealized Loss on Available-for-Sale Securities		
Reclassification Adjustment for Losses		
Recognized in Net Margins		
Other Comprehensive Loss		
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		

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MUD LAKE TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF MEMBERS' EQUITY
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

	Patronage Capital	Other Equity (Deficit)	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Total
BALANCE on December 31, 2014				
Net Margins				
Adjustment of Prior Year Margin Allocation				
Other Comprehensive Loss				
Retirement of Patronage Capital				
Retirement of Reclaimed Capital Credits				
Change in Unclaimed Capital Credits				
BALANCE on December 31, 2015				
Net Margins				
Adjustment of Prior Year Margin Allocation				
Other Comprehensive Loss				
Retirement of Patronage Capital				
Retirement of Reclaimed Capital Credits				
Change in Unclaimed Capital Credits				
BALANCE on December 31, 2016				

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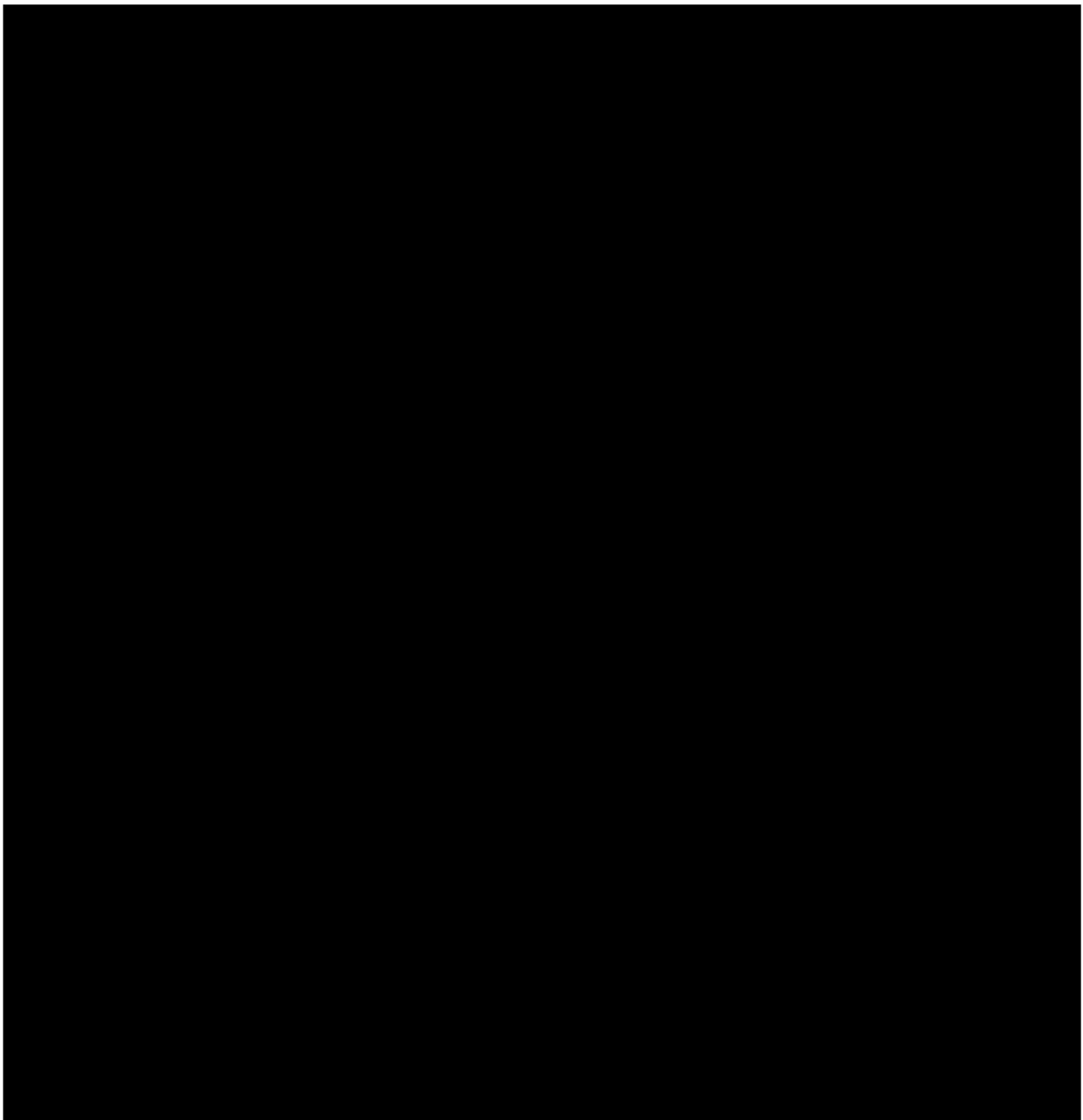
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

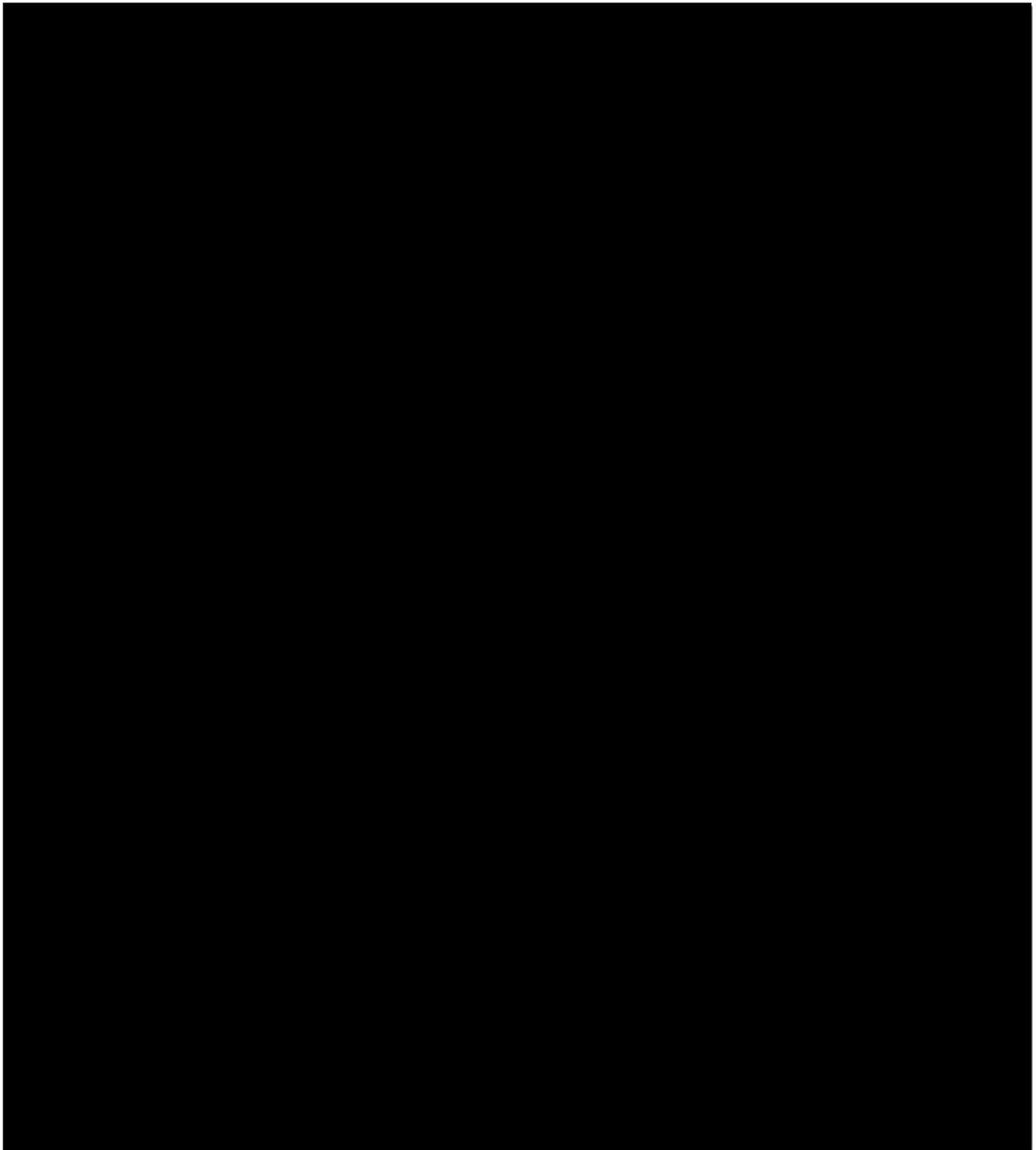
	2016	2015
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net Margins		
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Margins to Net Cash		
Flows From Operating Activities:		
Depreciation		
Equity in Investment Earnings		
Distributions from Stock and LLC Investments		
Income from Patronage Sources		
Loss on Sale of Investment Securities		
Gain on Sale of Other Assets		
Loss on Investment		
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:		
Due from Customers		
Other Accounts Receivable		
Income Taxes Receivable		
Propane Inventory		
Prepaid Expenses		
Accounts Payable		
Other Accrued Liabilities		
Advance Billings and Payments		
Net Cash Flows From Operating Activities		
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Additions to Property, Plant and Equipment		
Change in Materials and Supplies		
Purchase of Certificates of Deposits		
Sale of Certificates of Deposits		
Purchase of Investment Securities		
Sale of Investment Securities		
Collections on Note Receivable		
Sale of Other Assets		
Net Cash Flows From Investing Activities		
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Change in Other Equity		
Retirement of Reclaimed Capital Credits		
Retirements of Patronage Capital		
Net Cash Flows From Financing Activities		
NET CHANGE IN CASH		
CASH at Beginning of Year		
CASH at End of Year		
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOWS INFORMATION:		
Net Cash Payments for Income Taxes		

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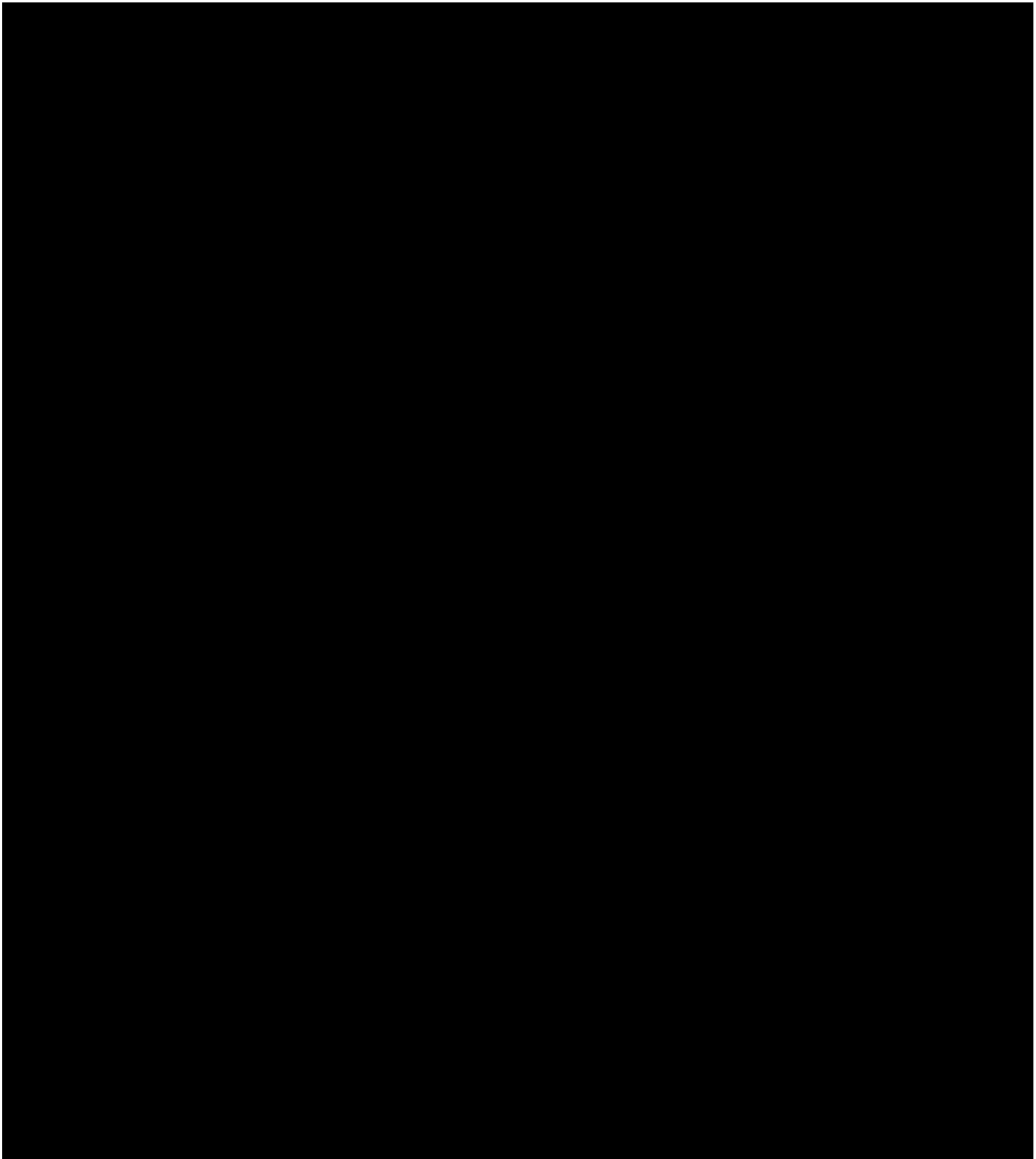
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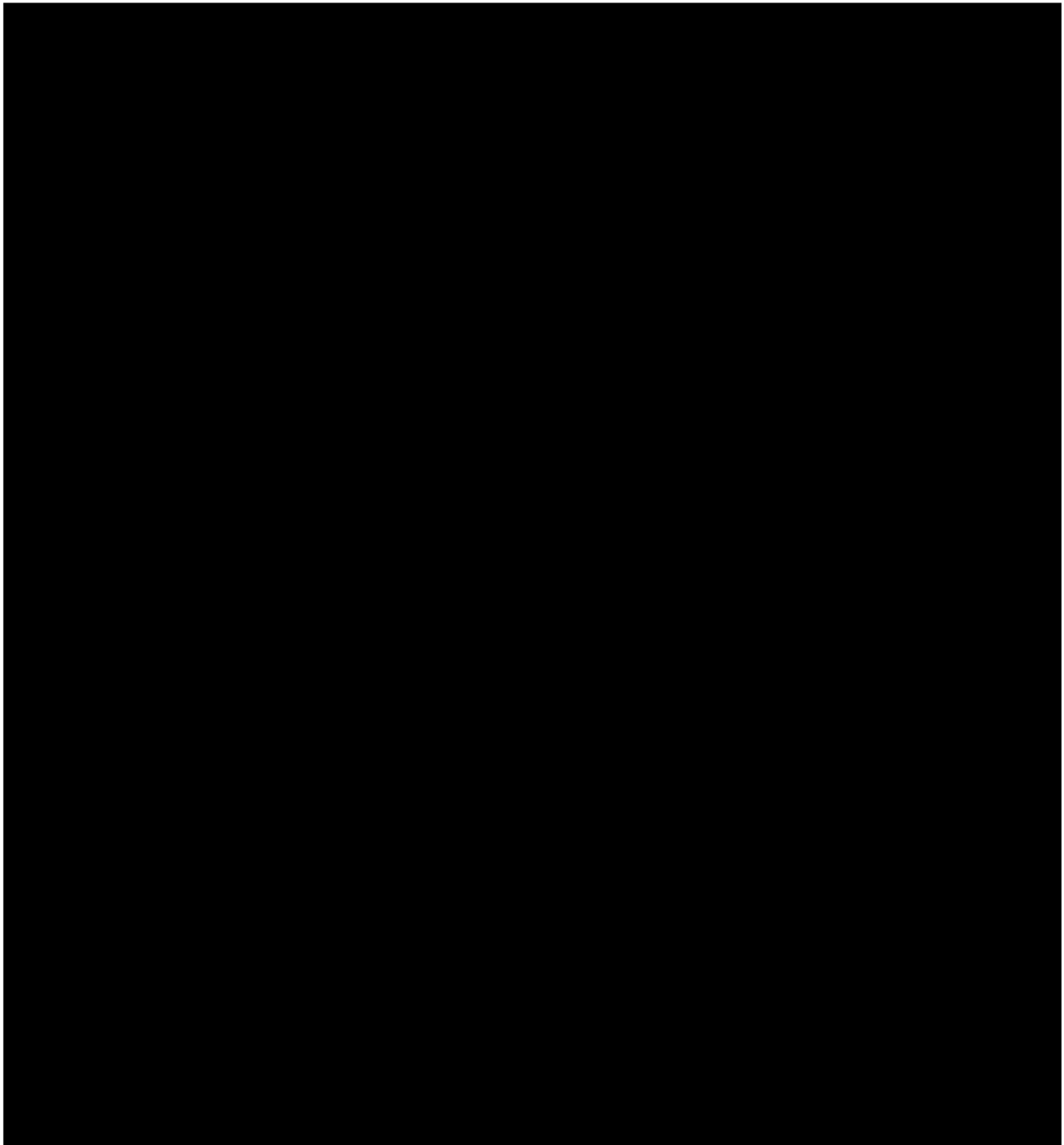
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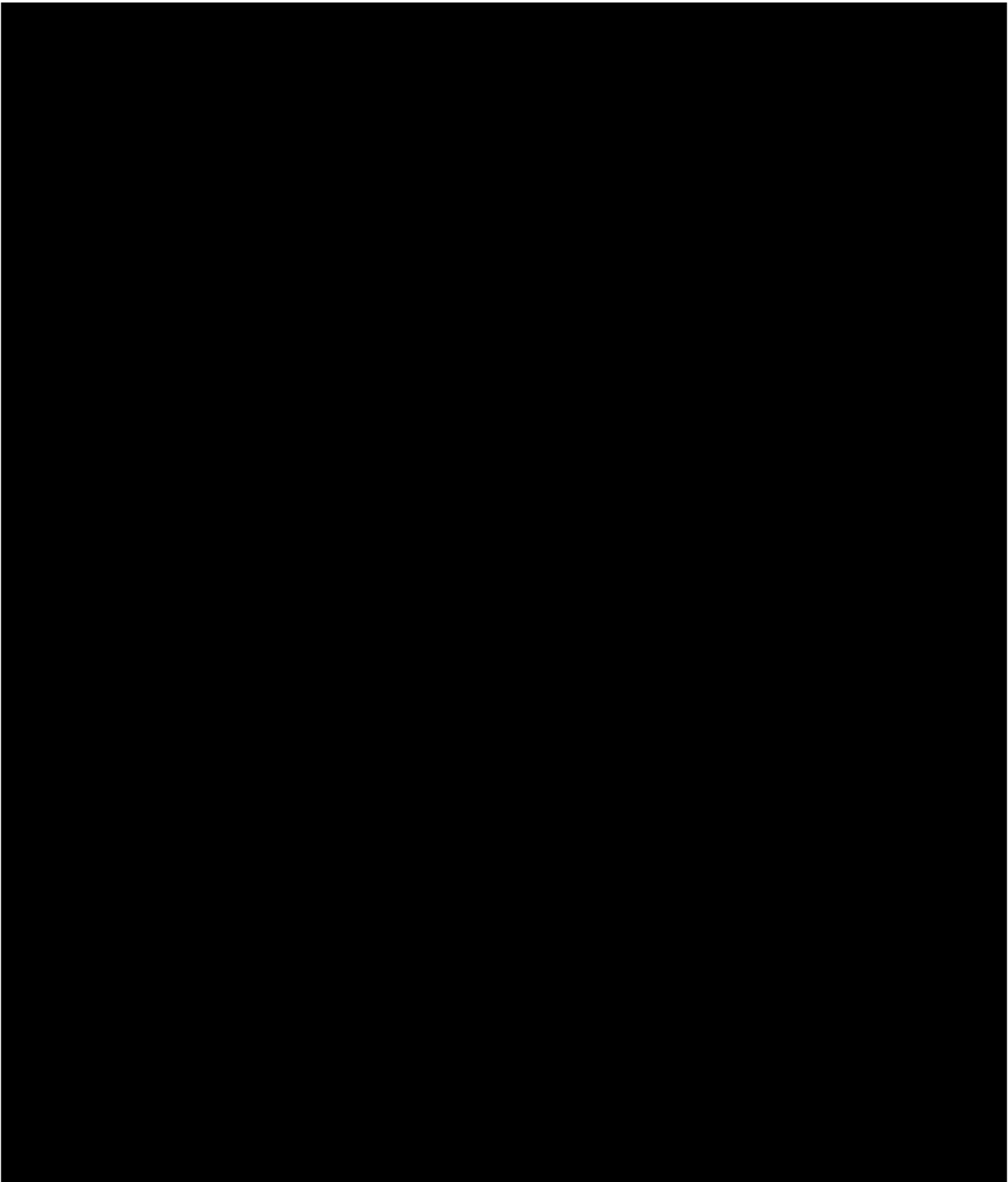
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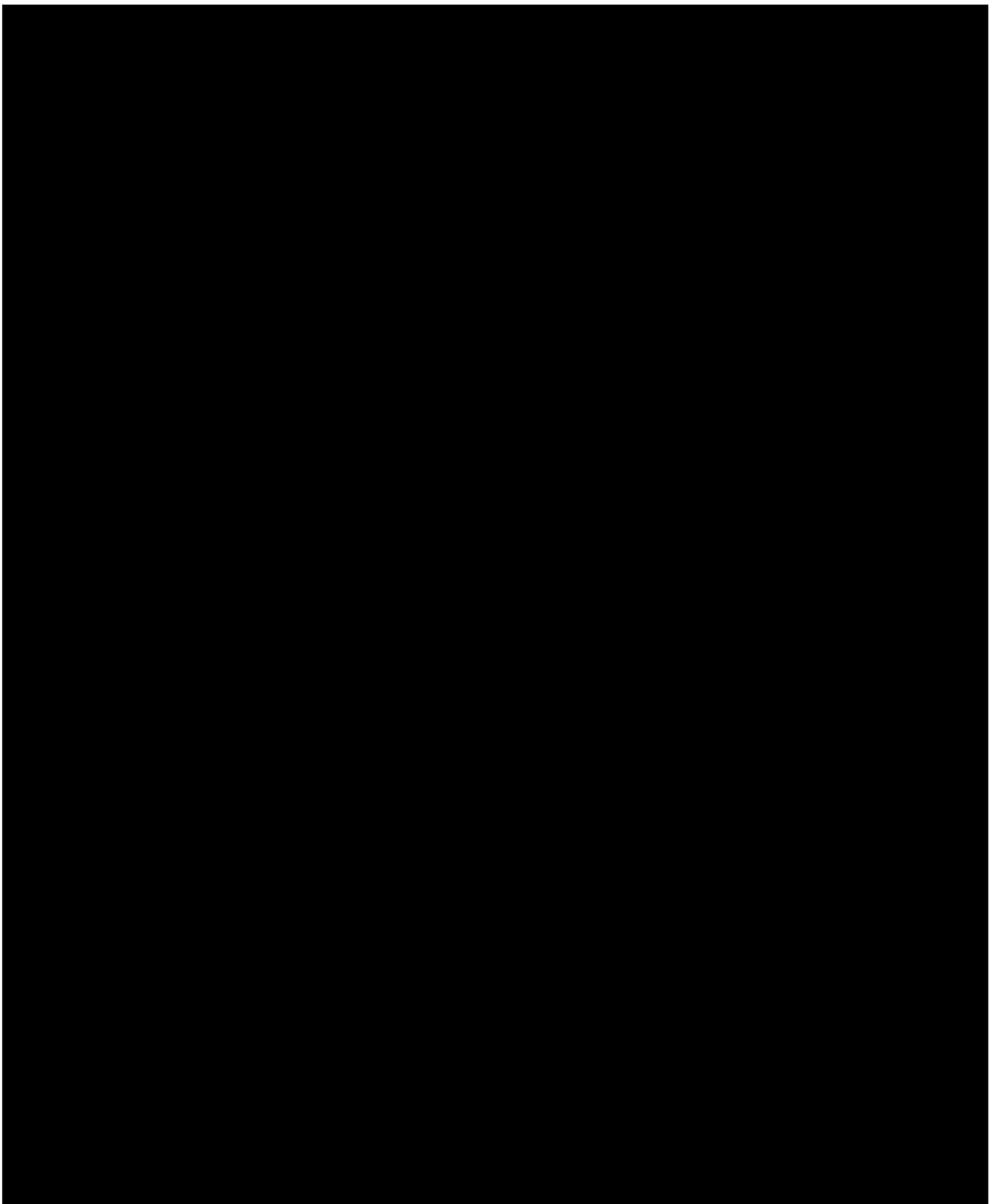
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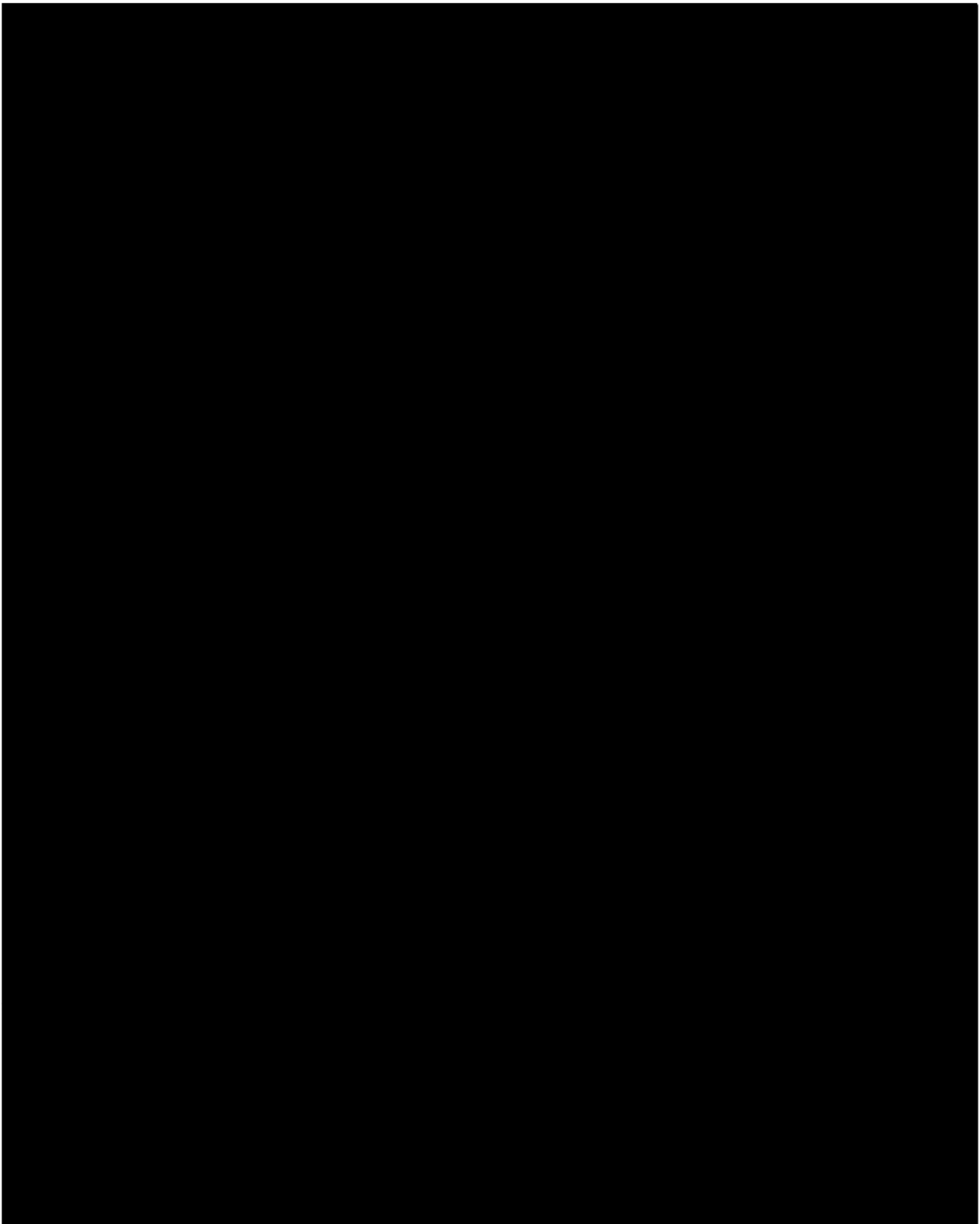
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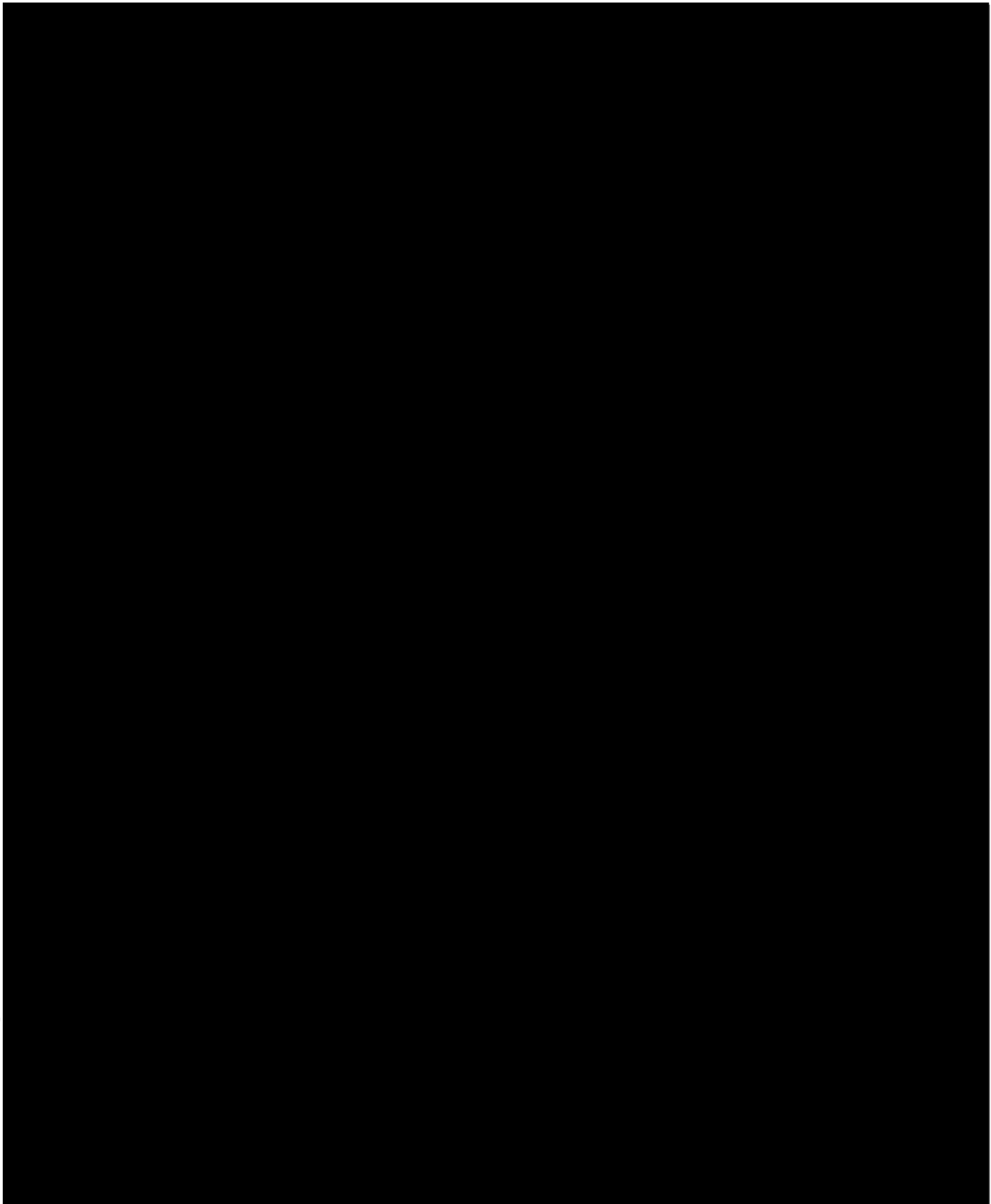
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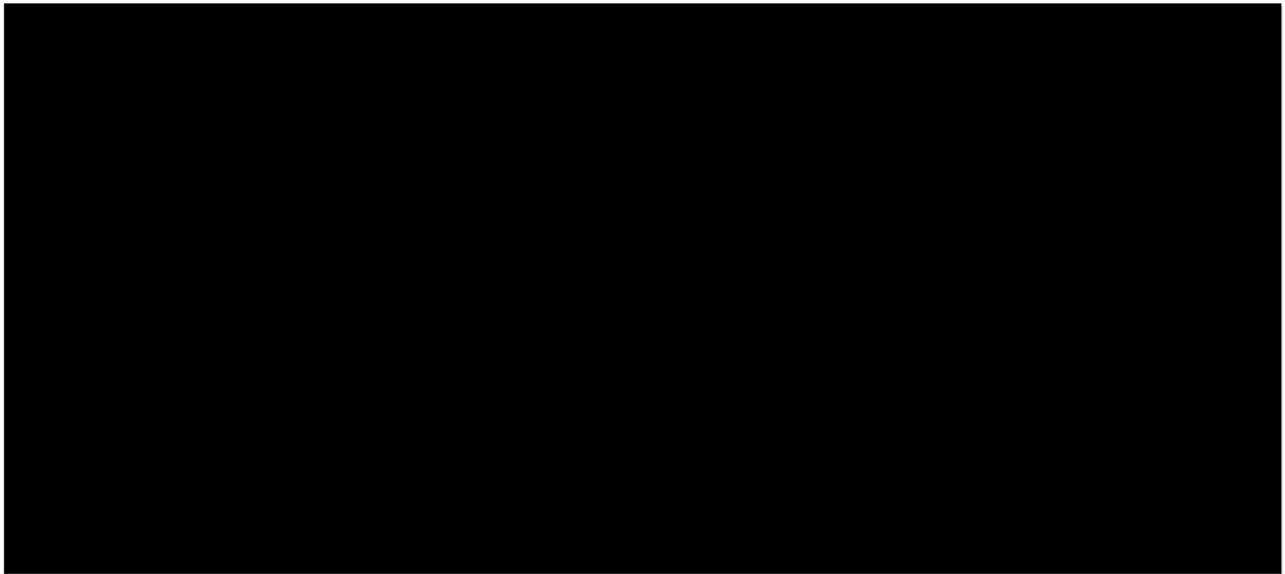
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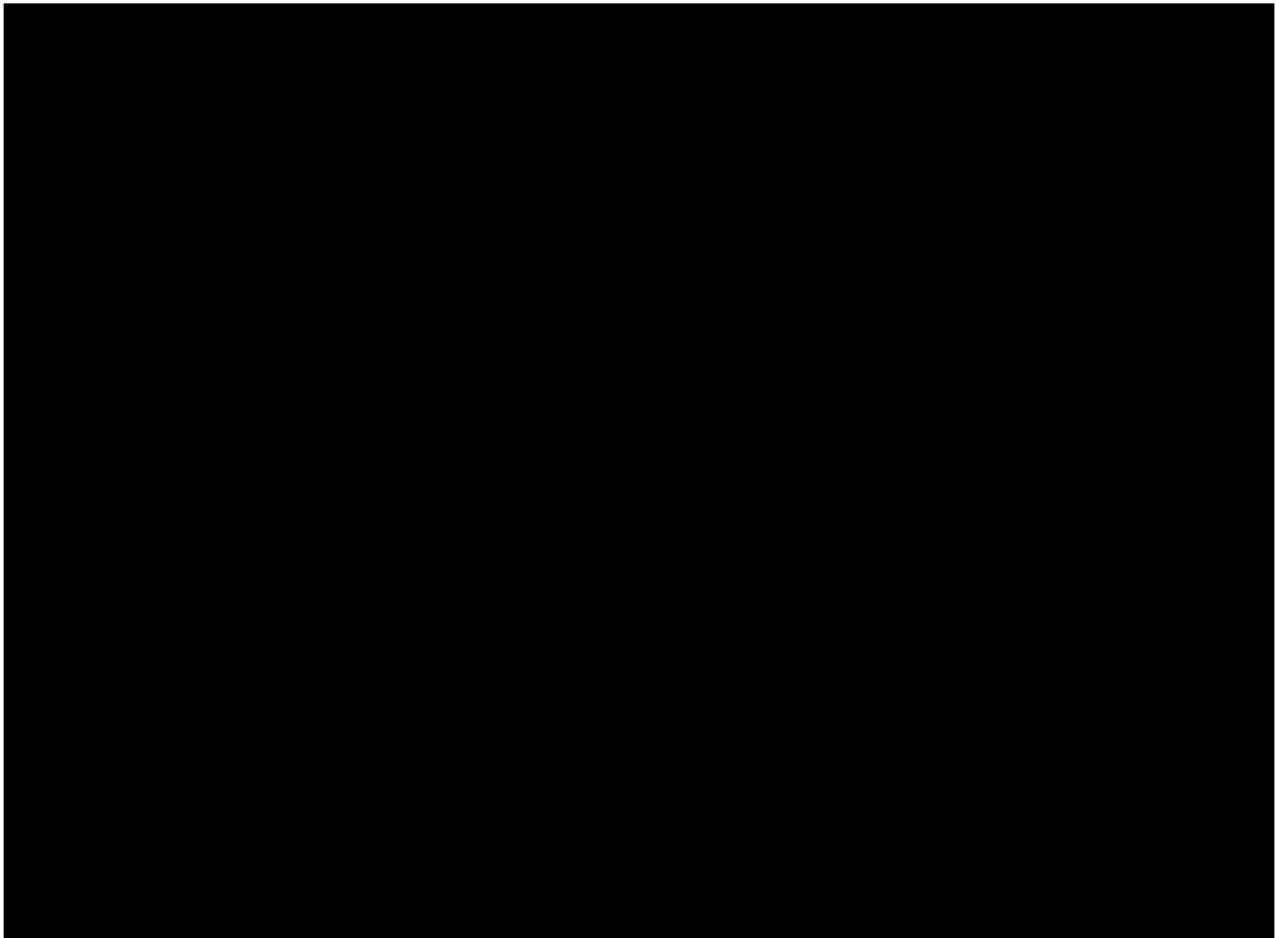
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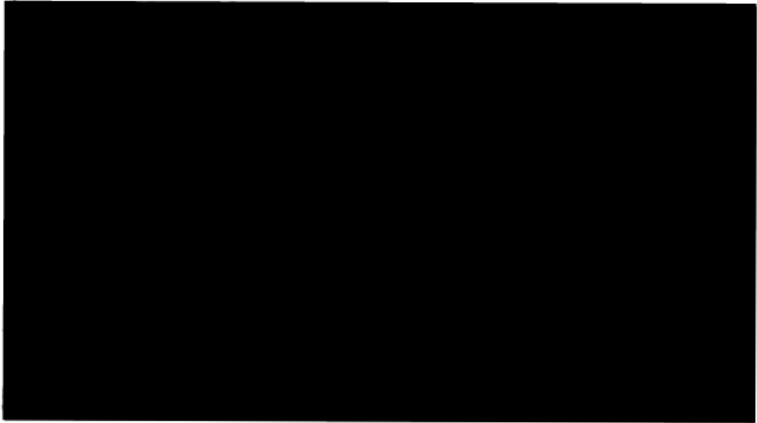
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CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET INFORMATION YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

ASSETS

	<u>Consolidated</u>	<u>Eliminations and Reclassifications</u>	<u>Mud Lake Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc.</u>	<u>High Plains Propane, LLC</u>
CURRENT ASSETS:				
Cash				
Certificates of Deposit				
Investment Securities				
Due from Customers				
Other Accounts Receivable				
Income Taxes Receivable				
Materials and Supplies				
Propane Inventory				
Prepaid Expenses				
Total Current Assets				
INVESTMENTS AND OTHER ASSETS:				
Certificates of Deposit				
Investment Securities				
Other Investments				
Note Receivable				
Total Investments and Other Assets				
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT:				
In Service				
Under Construction				
Less Accumulated Depreciation				
Net Property, Plant and Equipment				
TOTAL ASSETS				

LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY

CURRENT LIABILITIES:	
Accounts Payable	
Other Accrued Liabilities	
Advance Billings and Payments	
Total Current Liabilities	
MEMBERS' EQUITY:	
Contributed Capital	
Accumulated Deficit	
Patronage Capital	
Other Equity (Deficit)	
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	
Total Members' Equity	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY	

MUD LAKE TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS INFORMATION YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	<u>Consolidated</u>	<u>Eliminations</u>	<u>Mud Lake Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc.</u>	<u>High Plains Propane, LLC</u>
OPERATING REVENUES:				
Local Network				
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Other Services				
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Less Cost of Sales				
Total Net Propane Sales				
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OPERATING EXPENSES:				
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Depreciation				
Customer				
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Other Taxes				
Other Operating - Propane				
Total Operating Expenses				
OPERATING MARGIN				
OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSES:				
Interest, Dividends and Securities Sales				
Income on Investment and Deferred Charges				
Equity in Investment Earnings				
Equity in Income of Subsidiary				
Scholarship Contributions				
Income Tax Expense				
Net Other Income and Expenses				
NET MARGINS				